



Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Principals, Guidance Counselors, and STN Administrators)

FROM: Molly Chamberlin, Director of Data Analysis, Collection, and Reporting

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DATE: October 8, 2010

SUBJECT: Graduation Cohort and ECA Status Reports

The GR (graduates) and DM (dropout and mobility) reports opened today, Friday, October 8. These reports are used, along with the AT (attendance) report, to create the graduation cohort and calculate graduation cohort rate. We know that many of you review student-level cohort data on the <https://mustang.doe.state.in.us/AP/loggingrad.cfm> site. In previous years, the cohort data on the mustang site was updated during the submission of GR and DM. The mustang site included information on current and prior years' cohorts, as well as future years' cohorts.

Starting the week of October 25, we will make the cohort report available in Learning Connection. The new cohort report in Learning Connection will have secure information about the 2009-2010 graduation cohort, including student lists (first name, last name, and STN), as well as students' cohort status (graduate; still in school; dropout, etc.), last date of enrollment, and GQE passing status. The 2010 report will update as schools submit DM and GR data. **Please note that before the week of October 25, an updated cohort report will not be available; the old cohort report on the mustang site will still exist but it will not have updated data.**

The new cohort report in Learning Connection will be further enhanced for future years' cohorts. The class of 2011 and beyond will update on a real time basis, reliant upon the submission of RT (real time) data. In order to have accurate future cohorts to review, it is imperative that you take the time to review the accuracy of your RT data submissions, as well as to clean up conflicts as they occur.

Learning Connection also will include (for the class of 2012 and beyond) End of Course Assessment (ECA) status reports, so that you can track your students and determine if they have taken and passed the ECA for Algebra I and English 10 and, if they have not taken or not passed the tests, when they will next be eligible to take the tests.

Again, the DM and GR reports are open for submission as of October 8, 2010, but the old mustang cohort site will not be updated with the data. The new Learning Connection cohort reports will be available the week of October 25 and will include the most updated DM, GR, AT, and RT data. So

that schools have enough time to submit and review cohort data, the DM and GR reports will remain open through **Friday, November 19**. Report signoff will be the week of November 22, with final signoff due no later than **Friday, November 26**. We anticipate that graduation rates will be released the first week of December.

More information on accessing the new cohort reports in Learning Connection, as well as contact information for questions about the cohort and ECA reports, will follow in a later communication. For questions about the DM and GR reports, please contact STN support at (317) 232-0808 option 1 or stn_support@doe.in.gov. For questions about graduation rate, contact gradrate@doe.in.gov.